

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**June 16, 2010**

**A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:29 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Olayinka Oredugba, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Denise Correy. [Note: CRC member Louise Anderson was not present for the second hearing.] Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

**a) High Tech Construction, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

**b) JK Muir, LLC WBE/DBE CT**

**c) Railroad Industries, Incorporated MBE/DBE NV**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms in the DBE program as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was made and properly seconded to approve these DBE certified companies in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

- a) Antonelli & Sons Landscaping and Construction Corp.      WBE RI**
- b) Ferril Trucking, Inc.              WBE RI**
- c) Joe DeFeo Enterprises, LLC              WBE RI**
- d) Samsyd, Inc., d/b/a Samsyd Window & Door Company WBE/DBE RI**
- e) Smith Marine, Inc.      WBE/DBE MA**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency, compensation, affiliation, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firms were structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs, as applicable. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of**

**the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

**a) Waterman Construction Management, Inc. of Florida WBE/DBE FL/RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm that a determination had been made that the firm is based out of Florida, and therefore must seek certification from the UCP in Florida prior to seeking certification in Rhode Island. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Hearings:**

**Design Fabricators, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of Design Fabricators, Inc., and was attended by Roberta Degraide, Denise Florio Armstrong, and Robert Armstrong, on behalf of the firm, as well as by Joseph DeAngelis, Esq. and Jeff Crudup, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant, and by Mark Casha, CPA, accountant for the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, capital contributions, compensation, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve certification. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Gardner & Gerrish, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of Gardner & Gerrish, LLC. The applicant, Megan Gardner, left the building prior to the commencement of her hearing, and therefore did not present testimony on behalf of the firm. After review of the application and discussion regarding issues of licensing and control, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Old/New Business:**

**ASA Environmental Products, Inc. – The CRC members were notified that the MBE Compliance Office has received information that this currently certified M/W/DBE firm may be operating as a broker rather than as a supplier. Therefore, the MBE Compliance Office has sent a formal request to CT DOT, the home state UCP for this firm, to conduct a new site visit and review for this firm. The CRC members will be advised of the outcome of this review.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**